

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, including claims 12-14 and 16, for prosecution herein.

The claims directed to the patentably distinct invention of Group I (including claims 1-11 and 15) have been retained in the subject application pending final resolution of the elected claims. However, the Examiner is authorized to cancelled such non-elected claims without prejudice to the applicants' rights to file a divisional application thereon in the event the elected claims are otherwise deemed to be allowable.

Since claims 12-14 and 16 are elected, the requirement for an election of the ultimate species of the process defined by generic non-elected claims 1-11 and 15 as advanced in Section 4 of the Action on page 4 thereof is unnecessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

An early and favorable reply on the merits of the elected claims is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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